

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Akira KAWAKAMI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 09/534,229

Examiner: M. Rao

Filed: March 24, 2000

Attorney Dkt. No.: 107156-00004

For:

LOW TEMPERATURE EXPRESSION CHITANASE cDNAs AND METHOD

OF ISOLATING THE SAME

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director for the U.S. PTO P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: March 15, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition for three months extension of time for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 26, 2003 from December 26, 2003 to March 26, 2004.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$950 to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing docket number 107156-00004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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